

House Resolution No. 4040

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, Rufus W. Bellomy of Chillicothe, Missouri, has attained the long-awaited status of Missouri Centenarian; and

Whereas, born on September 18, 1903, in Virginia, Rufus Bellomy currently lives at the Indian Hills Retirement Center in Chillicothe; and

Whereas, now that his One Hundredth Birthday draws near, Rufus Bellomy can reminisce about the many high points in his life, including a loving marriage which subsequently provided him with two wonderful great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Rufus Bellomy enjoyed the many pleasures and the character-building trials that come with working as a carpenter for many years, an endeavor which has left him with an appreciation for building skills which lasts to this day; and

Whereas, Rufus Bellomy also derives tremendous pleasure from his interactions with children and with animals of all sorts; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Rufus Bellomy enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, the worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, the rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, the demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and the shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the One Hundredth Birthday of Rufus Bellomy and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon becoming a member of the Governor's Century Club and our best wishes for many such achievements in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Rufus W. Bellomy of Chillicothe, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative John Quinn
District No. 7

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4040, adopted September 11, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker